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Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

The new academic year is under way at Northwestern. Each fall is special to those of us privileged to be at NSU. It is a time of optimism when we welcome a group of new freshmen who are excited to be entering this new stage in their lives.

We also welcome a group of talented new faculty, many of whom are beginning their teaching careers. I am continually impressed with the outstanding job our Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Burns along with our deans and department heads do of recruiting faculty from across the country. If you take a moment to look through our catalog at our roster of faculty, there is no doubt you will be impressed by the top institutions represented. By seeking to get the best candidates available, we seek to provide the best possible education for our students.

The top-flight quality of our faculty has been consistently recognized by accrediting agencies who have evaluated our academic programs. NSU is nearing its five-year goal of 100 percent accreditation for all eligible academic programs as 31 of 33 eligible programs have been nationally accredited.

I hope each of you will make plans to join us for Homecoming activities Oct. 19-21. As president, it is important to me that those of you who cherish Northwestern maintain close contact with the university. It is one of the highlights of the year to have the opportunity to talk with many of you who return and share memories and stories about your time here.

No group has a better understanding of how special this place is than our alumni. Northwestern is a place that is capable of changing lives for the better. I hope you can join us, look around and see the changes that have taken place. While you are here, I hope the opportunity is available to renew friendships and forge an even stronger bond with Northwestern.

Chris Maggio, Director
Alumni Affairs

Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

It doesn't seem possible, but my first year as your alumni director has quickly passed. I can truly say that I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am proud to work for a great institution and be surrounded by a wonderful student body, a caring faculty and staff, and thousands of loyal Northwestern alumni. It is a university of which all our alumni can be proud.

In this issue, we recognize some of those people who help to make Northwestern the success that it is. Our Excellence in Teaching awards are given annually to faculty who were chosen by their peers as being outstanding contributors to the University and to their individual colleges.

We also recognize some of our alumni for their dedication to the university and their contributions to their communities. Those alumni will join more than 40 other alumni who have been inducted into NSU's Hall of Distinction, The Long Purple Line.

Each of those groups will be recognized during Homecoming 2000, which should be an exciting weekend. We will host our traditional homecoming events, as well as a few new ones. The College of Education will hold a reunion, as will the Student Activities Board. A grand opening is also planned for the expansion of the golf course at the Robert Wilson Recreation Complex. The schedule of events is included in this edition, so make plans now to attend.

The Office of Alumni Affairs is working to get you more current information on your fellow alumni, as well as get you the information you want in this magazine. Following the summer edition, we began sending surveys to some of our readers, asking their opinions of the content of the magazine. If you get one, please take a few minutes to complete it and return it.

Also, we are in the beginning stages of publishing a new Alumni Directory. We are again pleased to team up with Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to make this project possible. When you get a questionnaire, please fill it out and return it. If you don't get one by mid-November, let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming and to continuously working to meet the needs of our alumni. The 2000-2001 academic year looks to be a successful one for our University and our alumni.



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NSU Student Marketing & Recruiting Team SMART

Alumni to help Northwestern attract high-caliber students

A group of Northwestern State University alumni have decided to make an extra contribution to NSU by serving on the first Student Marketing and Recruiting Team (SMART).

The team includes **Tatum Dutile** of Alexandria, **Carroll Long** of Longview, Texas, **Kristie McDonald** of Woodworth, **Jeremy Thomas** of Marksville, **Chris Whorton** of Kerens, Texas, **Ginger Wiggins** of Jackson, Miss., and **Scott Zeagler** of Starkville, Miss.

According to Ina Agnew, director of enrollment services, the group is part of a strategy to increase Northwestern's visibility in key areas and shape the way the university is viewed by high-caliber students, parents, opinion leaders and other colleges and universities.

"The purpose of the Student Marketing And Recruiting Team is to utilize the resources and talents of our alumni to identify and recruit high quality students out-of-state," said Agnew. "We plan to have each team member represent us at high schools and identify prospects from targeted areas. Next year, we plan to expand the program by asking more alumni to get involved."

Team members will be asked to assist Northwestern by serving as a mentor to students and fellow alumni, contacting prospective students who have shown an interest in attending Northwestern or hosting a reception for academically talented students and their parents.

SMART will initially target two of Northwestern's Unique Areas of Excellence, the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts and the Louisiana Scholars' College, as well as NSU's athletic programs. Additional areas will be targeted as the program expands.

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"I am participating with SMART because I want other students to have the chance to get a great education while being able to feel like they are part of a family," said Whorton. "I have and will continue to tell students that NSU is a 'goldmine.' I always felt that the faculty were genuinely concerned with my progress and willing to help me if I asked."

Whorton says the family atmosphere at Northwestern was meaningful to him, something he will relate to prospective students.

The team received in-depth training to learn how to work with school personnel and prospective students. They received an update on activities that may be of interest to students and alumni and learned effective ways to discuss Northwestern with students and make presentations to help sell the university.

To receive more information on SMART, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (318) 357-6790. **III**

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Six faculty members will be presented with Excellence in Teaching Awards during Homecoming 2000 activities. This award recognizes outstanding faculty members who were nominated by their peers for their contributions to Northwestern State University and their individual colleges. The six will be presented at a banquet on Oct. 20 and during half-time activities on Oct. 21. Those faculty members and their respective colleges are: Dr. Vicki Bowman, College of Education; Dr. Christine Ford, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Frank Serio, College of Science and Technology; Dr. Fraser Snowden, Louisiana Scholars' College; Barbara Webb, College of Nursing; and Dr. Susan White, College of Business.

Dr. Vicki Bowman became an associate professor in the College of Education in 1996 after serving as an assistant professor for four years. Bowman, who passed away in late July, served as the coordinator for student personnel services admissions. Along with her teaching responsibilities, she also served as a counselor for individuals and groups of all ages.

Bowman chaired the NCATE Committee on Faculty and the NCATE Committee on Governance. She also was a member of the CACREP accreditation Self-Study Committee, the faculty senate and the Task Force on Cultural Diversity. Her professional memberships include the American Counseling Association, the American College Personnel Association, and the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Programs.

Dr. Christine Ford has been a member of the NSU English faculty since 1989. During this time she has served as the president of the university faculty senate and the director of the English Graduate Program. She also served as the founding sponsor of the campus literary magazine, "Argus".

In 1992 and 1995 Ford was the moderator for the Kate Chopin Annual Conference and in 1990 was the



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Ford



Serio



Snowden



Webb



White

moderator for the Kate Chopin Library Series. Along with her membership on the Graduate Counsel, she chaired the English Graduate Faculty Committee, the University Publications Committee and the Who's Who Selection Committee.

Dr. Frank Serio is currently the coordinator of the Department of Mathematics at NSU. He has served as associate professor of mathematics since 1998 after serving as assistant professor for six years. His recent publications include research in the area of classroom technology.

Serio is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, National Counsel of Teachers of Mathematics, and Kappa Mu Epsilon.

Dr. Fraser Snowden began teaching philosophy in the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU in 1989 after chairing the committee that developed the original proposal for the Scholars' College. Prior to 1989, Snowden served as a professor at NSU for 19 years. His areas of specialization include Eastern Religious Philosophies, Philosophy and Health Care, American Philosophy, Philosophy of Religions, and Great Books.

He has served on numerous committees at NSU including the faculty senate, the CURIA Committee and the New Ideas Committee. He also chaired the Academics Committee and the University Promotion Committee. He is a member of Delta Phi Alpha, the American Philosophical Association and the United Federation of College Teachers.

Diane Graham-Webb is currently the director for non-traditional studies in nursing as well as an associate professor. Her clinical nursing specialties include medical-surgical nursing and nursing administration. She has served as president of Sigma Theta Tau and now served on the Nurses Advisory Counsel for the American Cancer Society.

Webb is also a member of the American Nurses' Association, the Louisiana State Nurses' Association and American Red Cross Nurse. She was named Northwestern State University Nurse of the Year in 1991 and 1993 along with Who's Who in American Nursing.

Dr. Susan White has been an assistant professor in the College of Business since 1994, and is the Hibernia Bank Professor of Business. She has served as the president of the faculty senate, chairman for the J. Walter Porter Forum, and as a member of the University Institution Effectiveness Committee for SACS Self-Study.

Her research has been published in "Decision Sciences", "Computing Science and Statistics", "Business Forecasting" and "International Journal of Business Disciplines." She is currently working with students to analyze and improve productivity at Alliance Compressors, the industrial partner for a three-year LEQSF Research and Development/ Industrial Ties Grant.

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NSU Foundation Scholarships

The NSU Foundation offers a number of scholarships to the students of the university. Eight new scholarships have been formed this year that offer financial assistance to a variety of Northwestern students

The **Lenesse J. Alleman Scholarship** is available to students who are studying education and special education. The funds for the scholarship were made available through the estate of Eleanor Alleman Garbrecht, who graduated from "Normal" in 1922. The scholarship has been named in honor of her father who served as the director of the Department of Education at Northwestern for 20 years.

The **Barrien Cleavie Bailey Scholarship** will be awarded for the first time this fall. Mrs. Lucy Bailey Howard, a 1941 graduate, endowed the scholarship named after her parents. The recipients of this scholarship are first-generation college students, an incoming freshman demonstrating financial need.

The **Dr. Breckenridge Theta Chi Endowed Scholarship** will be awarded annually to a member in good standing of Theta Chi Fraternity. The scholarship was established by Major Dan Kratz, in memory of Dr. Robert L. Breckenridge Jr., who was a faculty member in the psychology department and a faculty advisor for the local Theta Chi chapter. Consideration for the award will be a 2.5 GPA and participation in community service, student government, and union board participation.

The **Janet Goodwin/FCA scholarship** is named in memory of Janet Goodwin, wife of former head football coach Sam Goodwin. The criteria for this scholarship are a minimum of three NSU semesters, and a GPA of 2.5. The student must also be an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The **Mimi Jordan Arts and Music Scholarship** was established to provide a lasting memorial that en-

courages and supports developing artists and musicians. This award will be for an upperclassman majoring in music or art.

Sister Ann Carmel Maggio has established the **Maggio Scholarship** in honor of her parents, Sam and Carmelite Maggio. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall to a graduate of St. Mary's High School who will matriculate to NSU.

A scholarship has been established to honor one of Natchitoches' favorite graduates, Mayor Joe Sampite. Mayor Sampite retired after 20 years of serving as the mayor of Natchitoches. More than 700 supporters gathered at a roast to celebrate his accomplishments, and the proceeds from the event will fund the **Joe Sampite Family Scholarship**.

The **Thomas N. Whitehead Sophomore Journalism** award has been established in honor of the former teacher and department head for his dedication and contributions to the journalism department. Students eligible for the scholarship must have a 3.5 GPA for both freshman and sophomore years, must have completed Journalism 2010 and 2510 and English 1010 and 1020 with a B or better, and must not have taken any developmental courses. Other factors considered are involvement with student media and departmental activities as well as a potential for a successful academic career.

The **Centennial Scholarship** is not a new scholarship, but is now available to a larger number of students. It was begun in 1984 when Northwestern was celebrating 100 years of education. Since then, the endowment has grown from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The scholarship has already benefited over 100 students. Any NSU student is welcome to apply for the scholarship. Anyone wanting to contribute to the scholarship fund can contact Chris Maggio at NSU Alumni Affairs.

Information concerning endowed scholarships through the NSU Foundation may be obtained at the NSU Foundation Office, located in the NSU Alumni Center, or by calling (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486. **III**

Duchardt named first recipient of Watson professorship

Implementing different approaches to teaching in college classes would benefit all students, according to a Northwestern education faculty member.

As the first Arthur C. Watson Professor of Excellence in Academic Accommodation, Dr. Barbara Anne Duchardt plans to support the faculty of Northwestern State University as they begin to learn, apply and evaluate research-based procedures and strategies in their classrooms.

Duchardt, an associate professor of special education at NSU for nine years, was named to the professorship for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The professorship was created through the General College and the Office of Disability Services with funding from the Arthur C. Watson family and the Louisiana Board of Regents' Support Fund.

Duchardt will be responsible for sharing a knowledge and interest in disability education that will enhance the preparation of faculty and staff for instructional and service roles, assist in developing and conducting workshops to increase awareness concerning disabilities and plan and implement assessment of campus resources, including facilities, technology and academic accommodations.

Steve Hicks, coordinator of disability services at Northwestern, said Duchardt is "an outstanding first recipient of this professorship. The initiatives she has planned will not only help students with disabilities, they will benefit all students."

Art

Art, graphic communications programs earn accreditation

Northwestern's bachelor's degree programs in art and graphic communications and master's degree program in studio art have earned accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The accreditation is through the 2005-2006 academic year.

Northwestern has gained accreditation for 31 of 33 eligible academic programs (94 percent). The remaining two programs, the associate in electronics technology and bachelor's in electronic engineering technology, are seeking accreditation. All of NSU's seven graduate programs with accrediting agencies have earned accreditation.

NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb said the achievement was important for Northwestern as the university seeks to have all eligible academic programs accredited by next year.

"One of our main goals has been to focus on excellence in all of our academic and professional programs," said Webb. "Our faculty have worked with us to see that our programs meet the highest national standards. One hundred percent accreditation is within our sight. I look forward to meeting that goal and continuing to strengthen all programs at Northwestern."

As part of the process, the programs underwent a rigorous self-study which examined facilities, available technology, faculty, curriculum and other areas. Outside consultants also visited NSU and made additional suggestions to strengthen the program.

"This designation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design puts Northwestern in the same league with major universities across the country," said Professor of Art Dr. Bill Bryant, the coordinator of visual arts at NSU. "The process has been going on for more than two years. It could not been achieved without the support of the administration and a great

deal of work by the faculty and the students."

The bachelor's degree programs in art and graphic communications and master's degree program in studio art are part of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts. The department is one of the university's Unique Areas of Excellence approved by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

"Gaining accreditation shows that our programs are recognized at a national level," said Bill Brent, head of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts. "We hope this achievement will further enhance our designation as a Unique Area of Excellence. It shows the quality of the faculty and students in the program and illustrates the support for the arts shown by the administration at Northwestern."

Brent and Bryant credited Webb, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns, Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew and Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Don Hatley for playing a major role in helping the programs gain accreditation.

The major responsibility of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design is the accreditation of education programs in art and design, including the establishment of curricular standards and guidelines for specific degrees and credentials.

The Association also provides counsel and assistance to established and developing institutions and programs. NASAD is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the agency responsible for the accreditation of all art and design curricula. In addition to the accreditation and consultation functions of the Association, NASAD publishes books and reports, holds an annual meeting and other forums, and provides information to the general public about educational programs in art and design. **III**

Admissions standards to be implemented at NSU in 2001

Northwestern will implement admissions standards for incoming freshmen beginning in the fall 2001 semester, according to President Dr. Randall J. Webb. The policy was approved by the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

Incoming freshmen wishing to enter four-year degree programs at NSU will be required to have:

- scored at least a composite score of 18 on the ACT exam or 850 on the SAT;

- earned an overall high school grade point average of at least 2.5; or

- received a performance or talent-related scholarship from Northwestern.

Webb emphasized that Northwestern remains committed to providing higher education to all who seek it. Those students who do not qualify to enter a four-year program can be admitted to NSU in a two-year program. Those students must complete 30 hours in non-developmental courses with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 and must complete any developmental courses with a 2.0 grade point average.

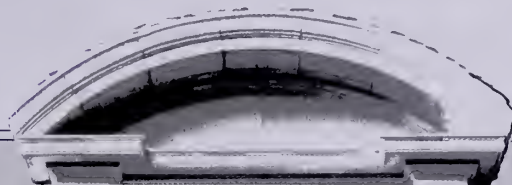
"This is an important step for Northwestern as we continue improving our academic programs," said Webb. "The implementation of admissions standards lets students know that they should be prepared for the demands of college when they begin their academic careers."

Bobby Jindal, president of the University of Louisiana System, commended Northwestern's move, saying the standards are "only the first step" in attracting the best students and improving student retention and graduation rates.

"We applaud Northwestern for its move to admissions standards," said Jindal. "Students who are prepared for college are more likely to remain

in school and graduate. By raising admissions criteria and expectations, prospective students are more likely to raise their performance both in college and in their careers."

Webb emphasized the new standards were developed in consultation with the university's faculty. Criteria for graduates of non-accredited high schools, international students, non-traditional and special admissions students were also developed. **III**



Local school districts, the Louisiana Middle School Association, the Louisiana Department of Education, the state Board of Regents and Northwestern State University have collaborated in an effort to improve teacher preparation for middle level education.

The Middle School Online Staff Development Initiative will serve as a valuable resource to educators in preservice/inservice teacher training and will be available online.

Educational partners in the project have developed a web-based workshop series which addresses the areas of change identified with successful middle schools. Those three areas are the middle school concept, technology integration and new academic curriculum standards implementation.

"This initiative will make available those keys to successful teaching in a convenient manner," said Dr. Robert Gillan, associate professor of education and director of the educational technology program at Northwestern State University.

Undergraduate students in elementary and secondary education, special education, alternative certification and graduate programs in educational leadership, educational technology and adult education will benefit from the online staff development initiative as well as middle school teachers and administrators throughout Louisiana.

More than 20 workshops are available online in the three focus areas.

Those addressing the middle school concept include "Teaming in Middle Schools," "Curriculum Integration," "Assessment of Middle School Students," and "Study Skills for an Inclusion Class."

Technology has become an integral part of life in the educational community. In a learning environment where technology is truly integrated and not taught as a separate class, students and teachers use technology tools to enhance all areas of the teaching and learning process.

Those workshops regarding technology integration include "The Connected Classroom," "FrontPage 2000," "Teaching with Technology," "Video in the Classroom," and "Learning Online."

For more information on the initiative, contact Gillan at (318) 357-5516 or via e-mail at gillan@alpha.nsula.edu.



Faculty efforts help NSU get \$600,000 in grants for academic enhancement

Fifteen faculty members at NSU have received grants totaling \$603,809 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund, according to Director of Research and Sponsored Programs Dr. William Hunt.

These proposals are designed to enhance the infrastructure of academic, research or agricultural departments or units and to promote economic development.

"The faculty at Northwestern have again done an exceptional job of obtaining grants which will help provide better instruction in the classroom and aid in our state's economic development efforts," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "The Board of Regents Support Fund has been a tremendous help to the faculty, staff and students at Northwestern and the other institutions in the state."

Grant proposals receiving funding and the principal investigator were:

- Dr. Sally Hunt, "Mathematics and Science Teachers Integrate Technology: Graduate Teaching Fellows at Northwestern State University," \$24,000;
- Dr. Norann Planchock, "Recruitment of Superior Family Nurse Practitioner Fellows for Northwestern State University, College of Nursing," \$28,000;
- Dr. William Barnett, "Advanced Information Technology Classroom," \$47,214;
- Dr. Lisa Abney, "Enhancing Students' Ethnographic Fieldwork Activities Through Equipment Acquisition," \$6,386;
- Dr. Dean Lauterbach, "Training Therapists for the Millennium," \$18,400;
- Corinne Pearce, "Incorporating Technology into Library Instruction," \$10,432;
- Dr. Patricia Phelps, "Enhancing Instruction of Molecular and Genomic Biology," \$90,000;
- Dr. Thomas Hall, "Flexible Manufacturing Training System," \$127,188;
- Dr. Adam Jannik, "Fluid Power Training System," \$129,864;
- Dr. Michael Land, "Biological Enhancement for Applied Methods in Educational Development," \$20,000;
- Dr. Roland Pippin, "Multi-media for the Social Sciences," \$15,000;
- Dr. Comfort Pratt-Panford, "Enhancement of Foreign Language Education by Means of a Language Resource Center," \$15,000;
- Dr. Helaine Razovsky, "Strengthening Sophomore Literature Surveys Through Enhanced Video Technology," \$3,158;
- Dr. Mark Bates, "Out-of-Season Spawning and Subsequent Grow-out of Green Sunfish x Bluegill Sunfish Hybrids in Louisiana," \$19,621;
- Dr. Martin Rudd, Dr. Gillian Rudd, "A Preliminary Investigation of the Germanium-Oxygen/Stone Interface," \$49,546. III



Nellie Clayton embraces the bust of her late husband, Coach Jack Clayton, during dedication ceremonies for "The Jack Clayton Plaza" last fall. The bust is the focal point of the plaza, which is located on the south end of the football field in Turpin Stadium. A total of \$75,000 was raised for the project through private donation, with \$42,000 being utilized for plaza construction. The balance is being used to establish "The Jack Clayton Endowed Football Scholarship." Project committee members hope to continue raising funds for the scholarship, and have set a goal of \$100,000, which would fund one full football scholarship annually. Contributors of \$100 or more would be entitled to place their name on a brick in the plaza. A second reunion of Clayton's players is set for Oct. 7. For more information or to discuss making a contribution to the Jack Clayton Scholarship, call (318) 357-5251. III



Finding the most current addresses and telephone numbers for fellow Northwestern State University alumni will soon be easier. Northwestern State University's Office of Alumni Affairs has teamed up with Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce a new Alumni Directory, which will be the most complete and up-to-date reference of more than 25,000 Northwestern alumni.

In November, the publishing company will begin mailing questionnaires to each alumnus to obtain their current information.

Once the questionnaire is received, alumni are encouraged to complete and return it before the deadline, which is in early spring. Alumni will then be contacted by Harris directly to verify that the personal information is accurate. The directories should be delivered by September 2001.

Any alumnus not wanting to be listed in the Alumni Directory should contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

Whether it was done on the local or national level, there is no question that the six Northwestern State University alumni being inducted into NSU Hall of Distinction this Homecoming have brought recognition and made significant contributions to the University.



Dudley Fulton
Elise P. James
Larry W. Rivers
Joe Sampite
Jackie Smith
Ralph Ropp

The Long Purple Line

Those Long Purple Line inductees, who will be honored Oct. 20-21 during Homecoming 2000 festivities, are Dudley Fulton, Elise P. James, Larry Rivers, Joe Sampite, Jackie Smith and the late Ralph Ropp.

The six alumni will join more than 40 other alumni who have been inducted into the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, for their dedication to the university and their contributions to their communities.

Joe Sampite, recently named one of the Top 100 Influential People in Northwest Louisiana, retired this year after serving as mayor of Natchitoches for 20 years.

Shortly before his retirement, Sampite was named professional of the year by the Louisiana Association for Retarded Children. He was also named man of the year by the Natchitoches Jaycees, Louisiana Parks and Recreation and the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce. He is a life member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Founders of Natchitoches. He was the first recipient of the Louisiana Municipal Association's President's Award.

Sampite, a native of Cloutierville, earned a business education degree from Northwestern in 1959. He served in the National Guard and the U.S. Air Force prior to beginning a coaching career. He coached basketball and baseball at St. Mary's High School and Jesuit High School in Shreveport.

Jackie Smith, a fixture for 15 years with the St. Louis Cardinals, was an outstanding track and football competitor at Northwestern. The 1963 business graduate was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1994. He finished his career as a tight end with the Dallas Cowboys in 1978.

Smith, who was born in Columbia, Miss., played in five Pro Bowls and had 40 or more catches in seven seasons. He played in Super Bowl XIII with the Cowboys. At the time of his retirement, he ranked as the all-time receiver among tight ends. He has served as honorary chairman of NSU's Athletic Association Fund Drive.

Ralph E. Ropp, a Natchitoches native who retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army, served as executive director of region activities and vice president of regional programs for the Association of the United States Army.

Ropp served in the military for more than 27 years. From 1970-1973, he was director of a \$3 million program to improve the lifestyle of soldiers at Fort Polk.

He served three years in the Pentagon and retired from active duty as public affairs director for the Military District of Washington in 1978.

Ropp, who earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern in 1950, also served as press officer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and as a public affairs officer in Vietnam. He was later named director of Army internal information for the Department of the Army in Washington. He later served as public affairs officer for the NATO headquarters in Turkey.

Larry W. Rivers, who served four years as adjutant general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, owns a business consulting firm, Rivers & Associates.

The Alexandria, Va., resident worked his way up from VFW Commander-in-Chief, which is the highest elective VFW office, to adjutant general in six years. Also during that time, Rivers served as executive director of the VFW Washington Office.

As adjutant general, Rivers was responsible for the overall operation and supervision of the national headquarters and the Washington Office. He was involved in every aspect of the organization, which is 2.1 million members strong.

Rivers came to Northwestern in 1964 on a basketball scholarship. He was in the first Kappa Sigma pledge class at Northwestern. He is a native of Pitkin, where his mother, Rose Rivers still resides.

Rivers graduated in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in government. He earned his juris doctorate from Loyola University in 1974, and was an attorney in Alexandria for 15 years.

Dudley Fulton, a resident of Natchitoches, served as dean of men at Northwestern for 23 years and was co-founder of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity at Northwestern. Leonard O. Nichols, who was also instrumental in bringing the fraternity to campus in 1959, was inducted into the Long Purple Line last year.

Fulton graduated from Northwestern in 1935. He got involved in student personnel work at Northwestern in 1948 as associate director of student personnel. Fulton also served as dean of men and director of student personnel. Fulton was responsible for implementing the master's degree program in student personnel services.

The native of Baker and graduate of Campti High School was listed in Who's Who in American College and

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University Administrators. After stepping down as dean of students, Fulton returned to the classroom as a professor of psychology, where he taught for three years.

Elise P. James, former director of alumni development at Northwestern, was the first recipient of the President's Distinguished Service Award at NSU.

While raising a family, James earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northwestern in 1968. She earned a master's in 1971. After earning her graduate degree, she became an instructor of business administration and office management in 1972.

In 1982, she was promoted to the rank of assistant professor of business administration and office management. Three years later, James was named coordinator of alumni activities and assistant professor of business. She was named director of development and alumni activities in 1990 and director of alumni development in 1995. She retired in 1997.

The inductees will be honored during the annual Homecoming Banquet on Oct. 20. They will also be recognized during the Homecoming game. **III**



David Stamey and Jerry Brungart are really cooking when it comes to tailgating at Turpin stadium. All alumni are invited to visit the alumni tent prior to each game. Pictured with the cooks are members of the NSU Pom Pon line Lauren Kenaley, Katie Dollar, Rebecca Kaiser and Jennifer Wilson.

Alumni Events Calendar:

N SU's Career/Graduate Day, which is set for Sept. 26 in the Ballroom of the Friedman Student Union, is open to current students and alumni. From 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., alumni and seniors can meet with prospective employers. The Career Day is open to all classifications from 11 a.m. until noon. For more information, call Paula Shuford in NSU's Office of Counseling and Career Services at (318) 357-5621 or contact her by e-mail at paulas@alpha.nsula.edu.

The Second Annual Basketball Extravaganza is being organized. The event will be held in October in the home of Drs. Carter and Bernadette Boyd in Bossier City. At the time of printing, the date had not been finalized. For more information, call (318) 741-9863 or (318) 226-8961.

Northwestern alumni can listen to radio broadcasts of all Demon football and men's/women's basketball games, as well as selected baseball and softball games, on the wWorld Wide Web at www.kdbh.com.

Northwestern State University alumni might recognize the name of a competitor in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Shreveport native LaMark Carter, a five-time triple jump champion, competed in the early 1990s at Northwestern State.

After narrowly missing the 1996 USA Olympic team and four years of training, brimming with the promise of redemption, Carter's Olympic dreams hinged on one final attempt.

Carter, the pre-meet favorite, was in fourth place entering the sixth and final round of competition. The top three finishers earned spots on the Olympic team.

The dreams came true for the Shreveport native when he nailed a 55-7 3/4 jump, good for second place, 1 1/2 inches away from topping Robert Howard for first.

The triple jump competition begins Sept. 23 with the finals on Sept. 15 in Sydney. They will be televised on NBC. **III**

Looking Back

The Alumni Columns staff is pleased with the response we've had regarding "Looking Back." We hope to spark some of those memories of the University with the following excerpts from the 1985 Potpourri, which recognized our Centennial Celebration.

Did you know ...

... In 1885, Normal's dormitories did not have bathtubs, showers or electricity.

... In 1921, it was forbidden for a Normal school girl walking to town to accept a ride from a single man. However, it was correct and proper to accept a ride from a married man.

... Registration fees were \$2 in 1913.

... The catalog from 1911-1912 stated that it was "harmful for students to have too much spending money, and simplicity in dress is desirable." A few years later, parents were urged to have their daughters' clothing made at home and to forbid them to alter their dresses to conform to "extravagant and extreme fashions." **III**

Homecoming Events

Thursday, October 19

NSU Retirees Reception

2-4 p.m. — Alumni Center

Reception for all Northwestern Retirees

Friday, October 20

Homecoming Golf Tournament/Grand Opening of expansion of Robert W. Wilson Recreation Complex

Come participate in the annual golf scramble on the new 18-hole course for \$35 per player (includes lunch by Coach Gene Knecht). Two (2) tee times—8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling (318) 357-3207 or you may join us for the Grand Opening luncheon and ceremony at noon for only \$7. Call the Alumni Center for reservations at 888-799-6486.

Alumni Association Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. Cane River Room, Student Union. Annual Board of Directors meeting open to the public.

NSU Foundation Board Meeting

1:30 p.m. Cane River Room, Student Union. Open to the public.

Homecoming Parade

5:00 p.m. (approx.)—Campus/Town Annual Homecoming Parade for both Northwestern and Natchitoches communities. Begins at Prather Coliseum and ends at downtown riverbank. Pep Rally on the riverbank to follow parade.

Reception—President's Home

5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. by invitation only
Honoring Alumni Board, Foundation Board, Distinguished Faculty recipients. Long Purple Line recipients and past Student Activities Board presidents.

Homecoming Banquet

7:30 p.m. Student Union Ballroom. Annual banquet honoring Long Purple Line recipients and N-Club inductees. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the Alumni Center or by calling (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486. Social hour prior to the banquet will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union.

Saturday, Oct. 21

5k "Run for Richard"

8:30 a.m.—Begins at Walter P. Ledet Track Complex. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes T-shirt and game ticket. Advanced reservations are required. Call 318-357-5251 for details. Proceeds will benefit the Richard Ware Scholarship Fund.

College of Business Alumni Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Student Union Ballroom. All graduates of the College of Business and friends are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor inductees of the College's Hall of Distinction. For more information, call 318 357-5161.

Demon and Lady Demon Basketball Practice Morning—Prather Coliseum

College of Education Reunion

8:30 a.m.—Teacher Education Center
All graduates and friends of the College of Education are invited to attend a breakfast that will honor the first inductees of the College's Hall of Fame. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486.

Ladies Bingo Brunch

9:30 a.m. —NSU Robert W Wilson Recreation Complex

This hit event returns! Enjoy a New Orleans style brunch while playing several games of Bingo!! Prizes awarded! Cost is \$15 per person, and advanced reservations are required. Call the Alumni Affairs Office at (318) 357-4414 or (888) 799-6486 for details. Reservations should be made no later than Thursday, October 19

N-Club Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

10:00 a.m. Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room Athletic Fieldhouse

University Bookstore Open

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—Student Union

Go by the bookstore and buy all your NSU memorabilia!

Former Student Activities Board Presidents Reception

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cane River Room, Student Union
Reception honoring all former Student Activities Board Presidents

Alumni Tailgating

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—Tailgating Field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. All NSU alumni are invited to drop by the alumni tent to grab something to eat before the game. It will be a great time to visit with friends that you haven't seen in awhile.

Tailgating Activities

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—Tailgating Field adjacent to Turpin Stadium. Various groups including the Greek organizations, N-Club, and College of Education will be tailgating prior to the football game.

Pre-Game Activities

1:30 p.m.—Turpin Stadium

Enjoy the pre-game show by the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and other game day activities.

Homecoming Game vs. McNeese State

2:00 p.m.—Turpin Stadium

Halftime Ceremonies

3:30 p.m. (approx.)—Turpin Stadium

Band Alumni Party

5:00 p.m. (approx.)—Alumni Center

Post-game Reception for Homecoming Court

5:00 p.m. (approx.) Steve and Lori Stroud Hospitality Room, Athletic Fieldhouse (by invitation only).

N-Club Activities (members only)

Immediately following the football game—Shriners Club

"Boogie on the Bricks"

5:00 p.m. (approx.)—Front Street, Historic District, Natchitoches. Join Demon fans in the Historic District for music, food and drink as Natchitoches puts on its best for the Demons!

1941

Lucille L. Hughes Puckett retired in 1977 after 38 years of teaching. She is living in Collinston.

Liston A. Johnson is retired and living in New Orleans.

Melva Ash Mayson Maxey is retired after 34 years of teaching. She lives in Lake Charles.

1948

John Ivan Falkner, president of Falkner Laboratories, lives in Bossier City.

1950

Patricia Ann Powell Graves is retired and is currently living in Gulfport, Miss.

1951

William Calloway Wilhite Jr. is president of Wilhite Moving and Storage, Inc. in Bossier City.

1952

Faye Katherine Gaspard Foreman retired as an RN from the Green Clinic in Ruston.

1953

Hardy Nicholas Rose lives in Prescott, Ariz. He enjoys playing in the Central Arizona Concert Band and the Yavapai College Symphonic Band.

1957

Billie Sunshine Walker Ogden is the director of curriculum training with Region VII Education Service Center in Kilgore, Texas.

1958

George D. Lynch is the assistant dean of students at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga.

1960

Ted Roberts, a State Farm insurance agent in Shreveport, was awarded the 1999 Image Award for his help in the newly

renovated Shreveport Regional Airport. He was appointed by the Shreveport mayor to serve a five-year term as Shreveport Regional Airport Chairman.

1962

Robert H. Day is married to Nelia F. Shaw Day ('63). He worked for 25 years at Cooper-Belden Wire & Cable as an industrial engineer. He is currently employed as a counselor for Louisiana Workforce (formerly JTPA). Robert and Nelia Day have three children and four grandchildren.

Anita Rose Thedford Jaworski lives in Highland Village, Texas. She is a dietitian with Medical Center Lewisville.

Henry M. "Mike" Hyams Jr. retired after 28 years as vice president and dean of student affairs from North Georgia College State University. He is living in Dawsonville, Ga., with his wife.

1963

Nelia F. Shaw Day retired June 2, 2000. Her nursing career included 10 1/2 years at Golden Age Nursing Center; 3 1/2 years at LaSalle General Hospital; and 20 years as a school nurse. She is a member of the Louisiana School Nurse Organization.

1965

Percy M. Morrow, married to 1966 NSU graduate M. "Susie" Wales Morrow, is living in Livingston, Texas. Both are enjoying their retirement.

Horace Johnson lives in Apex, N.C., and is a commercial director with Aventis Crop Science.

1967

Meade Hubbard Phelps is an emergency department physician with East Jefferson General Hospital in Metairie.

1969

Madeline L. Buchanan is currently the library media specialist at William J. Christian School in Birmingham, Ala. She is married to William C. Buchanan, former director at Watson Library at NSU.

Janice Bolton Lancaster teaches second grade in Shongaloo. She and her husband C. Steven Lancaster ('68) have a daughter who will graduate from NSU in December 2000.

1972

Cynthia Anne DeCoux Stone lives in Richmond, Va. She is pursuing her career as a special education teacher with Henrico County Public Schools.

Deborah Pratt Vogel was named "Nurse of the Year" for the Office of Public Health in the Shreveport District Nurses Association in May. She is employed at the Webster Parish Health Unit in Minden.

1973

James W. Campbell retired from the city of Shreveport after 27 1/2 years of service. He is spending his retirement substitute teaching and serving as part-time greeter at a Shreveport Funeral Home.

Leonard Ford Jr. currently resides in Alexandria. He is a community services specialist with the state of Louisiana, Region IV Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities.

1975

Deborah Nell Thomas Filler teaches fourth grade at Benton Elementary, Benton. She has one child.

1976

Christine Tara Guidry Gatlin as employed as unit manager career services with Baton Rouge General Medical Center in Baton Rouge.

Deborah A. Whitney Cloud has two children and is employed by Disability Determinations in Shreveport as an eligibility examiner.

Paula A. Jones Tripp, Ph.D., lives in Davis, Calif., and is a region supervisor with the California Department of Education.

1977

Valerie J. Andrews is living in Greensboro, N.C., and is employed by Camco Manufacturing, Inc. as an advertising/PR manager.

Donna Lynn Coffey Hathorn, married to NSU graduate Jeff Holden, teaches nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. They have been married 26 years and have four sons.

Theresa Louise Lascari Kaiser obtained her MSN in June 2000 from the University of Phoenix. She is married and has three children.

1978

Lydia Cofield McGee is currently residing in Baton Rouge and is employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board as a teacher. She received her master's degree from Northwestern in 1983.

James W. Jernigan is a partner with Arthur Andersen LLP in New Orleans.

1979

Betty LaJuan Wood MacDonald is retired and living in Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

James Perry Jr. was recently promoted to vice president of Henley Healthcare in Sugar Land, Texas. He is married to Nancy Durden Perry ('81) and they have two sons.

1980

Jackie Dees Domingue received her Ph.D. in English from Texas A&M University in May.

1981

Cindy A. LeDoux White lives in Leesville and is a business/computer teacher with Burkeville Independent School District. She is married to Jason White ('86) and they have two children.

1982

Richard L. Fillet is a field service engineer for GE Medical Systems in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Easley, S.C., with his wife Carol Eddy Fillet ('81) and two children.

1983

Jo Beth Grovenburg Bourgeois is a recovery room nurse with the Abbeville General Hospital in Abbeville. She is married to Edward Bourgeois Jr., and they have four children.

Sara Lanell Peace Ebarb is the principal of Forest Hill Elementary School in Shreveport.

1988

Monica Lee Padgett is married with two girls. She lives in Ashland, Ohio, and is working as a pediatric RN with Wooster Clinic Pediatrics.

1989

Jason M. Tinsley married NSU graduate Sonia Cox Tinsley. They are residing in Bossier City, where he is the head men's basketball coach at Bossier Parish Community College.

Latisha Anne Fair Payne is a paralegal with the Louisiana Municipal Association in Baton Rouge.

Suzanne Johnson lives in Germantown, Tenn. She is a staff RN with the Methodist Hospital and is proud of her six grandchildren.

Holly Ann Gaspard Barton works for the USDA Forestry Service as a hunting permit volunteer. She lives in Dry Prong with her husband and two children.

1990

Darryl D. Andrews Jr. is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Fayetteville, Ark.

Misty Lynn Eserman Alvis, presentation graphics manager with JC Penney Inc., lives in Irving, Texas.

1991

Darryl K. Willis lives in Houston, Texas, and is a geophysicist with AMOCO.

Milton Paul Constransitch is a salesman with C & D Group in Lafayette.

Connie L. McMillan is employed with Franklin Southland Printing Company in Metairie.

Andrew Roach is a clinical director with Birch Tree Communities Inc., and lives in Bryant, Ark.

1992

Scott D. Venus of Duluth, Ga., is a health care representative for Chamberlin-Edmonds & Associates in Atlanta, Ga.

Jason B. Parks, married to Kelly Carpenter Parks ('91), is the director of workforce development with the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce in Alexandria.

George Robert Shafer III of Metairie, is married to Diana Bolen Shafer ('94). He is an internal auditor for Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans.

B. Scott Andrews is an attorney with the firm Due', Caballero, Price, Guidry, Piedrahita & Andrews. He and his wife had a son born in February.

Nancy D. Manning Beckwith is a sixth grade communication skills teacher at East Hoke Middle School in Raeford, N.C. She lives in Lumber Bridge, N.C., with her husband and they have three children.



William Almond

Class of 1973



A n emphasis on quality has helped a Northwestern graduate be part of a family company whose product is in demand around the world.

William Almond of Coushatta, a 1973 business administration graduate, is part of the family which operates Almond Bros. Lumber Company in Coushatta. Almond Bros. exports southern yellow pine lumber to Europe and South America. Earlier this year, the company was named Small Business Exporter of the Year by the Export-Import Bank of the United States. In 1995, Almond Bros. was chosen as Louisiana Exporter of the Year.

"We stress quality in our business and developing buyer loyalty," said Almond. "We want people to go back and look for our wood. There are a lot of competitors, so we have to build that loyalty."

Almond Bros. was founded in 1947, and Almond has worked there in one capacity or another since he was eight. He turned down an opportunity to work for the Federal Reserve to remain with the family business.

At one time, Almond Bros. was a sawmill, much like the ones in practically every community in north Louisiana. But many of these independent mills were driven out of business when paper companies began to build large sawmills that could absorb greater losses than those family-owned businesses. The Almonds realized in the early '90s that they would have to change the way they did business to survive.

"We started exporting slowly, then decided we would have to be exporters or be domestic," said Almond. "So we went to Europe and began learning the customers."

Almond is responsible for the company's sales in Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Great Britain and Ireland. That decision to go into exporting was shaped by what Almond learned at Northwestern.

"What Northwestern did for me was teach me to look outside at other methods of doing business. I learned things shouldn't always be done the way they have been done in the past," said Almond. "I also learned to look at an income statement and see more than just the bottom line."

Almond was an honor graduate but remembers having to work extremely hard in his business courses. Some of his most difficult but useful courses were those taught by Marie Burkhead in management, Greg Ulferts in statistics and Dean David Townsend in finance.

"I never minded a hard class as long as I was learning," said Almond. "Dean Townsend's classes were hard to get into, and with Mr. Ulferts, you had to be there every day ready to learn."

Looking back, Almond fondly remembers his activities as a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. He also is glad to look back on events such as the State Fair Weekend in Shreveport.

"That was the biggest weekend of the year. There were a lot of parties and activities around the game," he said. "Football games were a lot of fun. I never missed a home game when I was there."

Almond has also been active in his community as a former president of Riverdale Academy, a member of the Town of Coushatta's Zoning Board and a member of the Red River Parish Port Commission. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Coushatta - Red River Chamber of Commerce.

And the Almond name will remain part of Northwestern as his daughter Amanda enrolls this fall.

"I was happy with the education I received at Northwestern. The faculty were among the best," said Almond.



1993

John B. "Bax" Kegans is currently making his home in Baton Rouge, and is employed with Thomas Steel in outside sales.

G. Matthew Bardwell is the program director of Res Care Inc. and lives in Washington.

Bryan Wayne Randolph lives in Natchitoches and is a physician-podiatrist with the Foot Institute.

Jessica Lou Thomley Bellina and her family were recently transferred to southern Ontario from Lake Charles. She and her husband have a little girl named Jaden Elizabeth.

Vanessa Ann Artigue Deville is a fifth grade teacher at Port Barre High School. Her daughter, Lauren Anne was born in February.

1994

Diana Marie Bolen Shafer is an IT Manager with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana in Baton Rouge.

Reba Tipton Miller married to Shane Miller ('94) has a daughter, Adeline Mae Miller. They live in Marshall, Texas. She is employed with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Anthony Shane Miller is a captain with Bombardier Aerospace in Dallas, Texas.

Gara L. Alexander Skiles lives in Killeen, Texas. She married Jerry Skiles in 1998. Currently she is a counselor with Killeen Independent School District.

Christina Lynn Morgan lives in Leesville and is employed by Dr. Adelglass & Associates.

Anna M. Sepulvado-Fletcher of Aztec, N.M., is working as a receptionist for Temporarily Yours, and

is certified as an adaptive PE teacher and personal trainer. She has her own personal trainer business called Dena's Fitness.

Joseph Sean Lemoine lives in Dallas, Texas, and is employed by Bickel & Brewer. He still travels to Louisiana to hunt and fish.

Carrie DeNan Mosley Cooper is a decision support manager with Gulf South Health Plans, and lives in Baton Rouge.

1995

Angela Renee Davis Easley is an underwriter assistant employed by Radian Guaranty, Inc. She is living in Atlanta, Ga.

Brian Robbins Dulin of St. Louis, Mo., is an account manager for Spectrum Brands.

Ryan Arthur Martin is making his home in The Woodlands, Texas. He is a rehabilitation technology supplier with National Seating and Mobility.

1996

Amy Parrie Milam teaches fourth grade at J.P. Timmons in Shreveport and is a creative memories consultant. She is married to Patrick Milam, and they have two young sons.

Amanda Lee Simmons is a design consultant with Ethan Allen Home Interiors. She is living in Hyannis, Maine.

Grant William Crowder is the dean of men and is women's softball coach at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss.

Kimberly D. Nichols Hawn of Bossier City is a fourth grade teacher with the Bossier Parish School Board.

Joely Elizabeth Hodgeson Norrick teaches kindergarten at Central Elementary in Gonzales.

Allen Copeland Dawson, a resident of Natchitoches is a sales manager for Wolf-Tec Inc., in Kingston, N.Y.

Van Rodney Reed is currently the director of development at St. Edmund Catholic School in Eunice and is a freelance sports writer for the Eunice News. He also just published his first book, "Eunice's Ten Greatest Athletes."

Lucia Creighton Welch is a first grade teacher at North Bayou Rapides Elementary. She is the mother of two children, Haley and Sam Welch.

1997

Christie Nicole Dupuis Griffin is married to NSU graduate Frank Griffin. She is employed as a counselor with Vermilion Hospital for Psychiatric & Addictive Medicine in Lafayette.

Stephen Fleury graduated with a bachelor of science degree in accounting from NSU. He is currently employed as a controller for Turning Point Solutions Group in Pineville.

Charles "Buddy" Wolfarth is married to Marcia Richard Wolfarth ('96) and lives in Metairie. He is a business sales representative for Radiofone.

Kristen Ann Zulick Dulin, wife of Brian Dulin ('95), is a sales representative for Ryerson Tull in St. Louis, Mo.

James Robert Miller lives in Baton Rouge and is a manager for security link from Ameritech.

Angela Robinson Ross recently moved to Orlando, Fla. She will be teaching fourth and fifth grade at Windermere Preparatory School, a premier private school in the Orlando area.

1998

Suzanne Alyss Groves is a kindergarten reading and math teacher with Lewisville School District in Lewisville, Ark.

Mary Malinda Warren lives in Humble, Texas, and is employed with Dayton Independent School District as a fourth grade teacher.

Alyson Colleen Courtney is a reporter with KAVU-TV 25 in Victoria, Texas.

Jeffrey Scott Iber coaches and teaches at Elizabeth High School in Elizabeth. He is married to Tiffany Nowlin Iber ('98).

Nicole Lynn Greig lives in New Iberia and is a veterinary technician for Robichaux Veterinary Clinic.

Seth Thomas Jones lives in Amite and is a safety technician with Harmony Construction Company.

Melissa Renee' Springer McElwee is the business manager/branch coordinator for the Sabine Parish Library.

Kirsten Lee Freed married John Freed ('98). They are currently living in Thousand Oaks, Calif., but will reside in New Orleans.

Allison R. Garlock Chavez is a convention sales manager with the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau in Little Rock, Ark. She is living in Sherwood, Ark., with her husband, Jeffrey B. Chavez ('98).

Chad Ross Averett lives in Baton Rouge. He is employed with Farm Bureau Insurance as a Programmer I.

Kristian Michael Gaudet lives in Cut Off and is working in Metairie as an agent/registered representative for the Principal Financial Group.

1999

Michael Rene Branighan is engaged to be married in November 2000. He lives in Metairie and is working as the project manager/estimator for Tom Branighan Inc. Electrical Contractors.

Jaime Lynn Caillet is currently a physical therapy student at LSUHSC in New Orleans.

Jennifer Leigh Coatney Guffey lives in Stafford, Texas, and is the orchestra director for Garcia and First Colony Middle Schools.

Christopher Corey Conway is the assistant band director of Carthage Independent School District. He is living in Shreveport.

Jaime R. Primm is a caseworker for Bedford County Children & Youth Services in Bedford, Penn.

Chad H. Mills and his wife, Angela Pine Mills ('00) co-own the business Home Innovations in Shreveport.

Brad S. Poston is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Shreveport.

Vau Angelique Duffy resides in Shreveport and is an interior designer for Ethan Allen.

Chad Jarrett Davis recently married April Daigle ('00). They are making their home in New Roads. He is employed with Louisiana Generating LLC.

Sosna M. Myles is a polysomnographic technologist with LA Medical Diagnostics in Shreveport.

Suzi Lee Krucenski is a joint interest accountant with Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. in New Orleans.

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Kevin Duane Brough lives in Natchitoches and is working at Exchange Bank as director of marketing.

2000

Amy Cain Loftin Gurley is the owner and director of Kid's First Learning Center & Daycare in Logansport.

In Memory



'22 Constance Coker Evans, Saline, June 11, 2000.

'33 Helen Ozelle Boggs, Bossier City, April 24, 2000.

'35 Jean Edgerton "Ed" Pierson, Natchitoches, Nov. 12, 1999. Mr. Pierson was a former president of the NSU Alumni Association.

'37 Odessa James Winn, Natchitoches.

'41 Elizabeth Hebert, Baton Rouge, June 12, 2000.

'42 Cara Lee "C.L." Starnes, Colfax, May 26, 2000.

'70 Marcie Ann Fowler Lafargue, Shreveport, May 25, 2000.

Paul Centennial "Doc" Marx, Lafayette, May 27, 2000.

Evelyn Ann Comeau, Oakdale, April 21, 2000.

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Name: _____
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